

ARNPs and Prescription Authority

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Numerous inquiries have been received in the Kentucky Board of Nursing office regarding a variety of issues surrounding Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) prescription authority, including definition of ARNP scope of practice, written collaborative practice agreements (CPAs) and identifying numbers to be used by ARNPs for prescription reimbursement. We will attempt to answer some of those questions in this article.

During the 1996 General Assembly, House Bill 358 was passed. This bill, which became effective July 15, 1996, gave Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs) the legal authority to write prescriptions for **nonscheduled legend medications** pursuant to a written collaborative practice agreement that defines an ARNP's scope of prescribing authority and that is signed by both the ARNP and a physician. The specific statutory language can be found in KRS 314.011 (8), which defines advanced registered nursing practice. KRS 314.042 (8) and (9) speaks to the requirement for a written collaborative agreement prior to prescribing nonscheduled legend medications and the exemption for nurse anesthetists to have collaborative practice agreements in order to deliver anesthesia care.

Following passage of House Bill 358, the Kentucky Board of Nursing determined that it would monitor the existence of ARNP collaborative practice agreements. To that end, Kentucky Administrative Regulation 201 KAR 20:057, Scope and standards of practice of advanced registered nurse practitioners, was revised (effective June 18, 1997) to include definitions for "collaboration" and "collaborative practice agreement" and to identify specific information that must be contained within the collaborative practice agreement.

The required information includes the ARNP's:

- *name;*
- *practice address;*
- *practice phone number;*
- *license/registration number(s); and*
- *specialty area of practice (i.e. type of certification)*
- *name, address, phone number and license number(s) of the collaborating physician(s) party to the agreement*

On June 23, 1997, a memorandum was mailed to all ARNPs registered in the Commonwealth of Kentucky notifying them of these new requirements. Further, ARNPs whose practice includes the prescription of nonscheduled legend medications were notified that they must submit copies of each collaborative practice agreement they may have entered into with a physician(s) to the Board office by August 1, 1997. **Effective August 13, 2003, ARNPs are no longer required to send a copy of the collaborative practice agreement to the Board office, but shall upon request, furnish to the board or its staff, a copy of the agreement.**

Once an ARNP has entered into a written collaborative practice agreement that defines the scope of prescribing authority for the ARNP and it is signed by a physician, the ARNP may write prescriptions for **nonscheduled legend medications**. Prescribing nonscheduled legend medications without a written collaborative practice agreement is considered a violation of the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* and could subject the ARNP to disciplinary action. There is no application process with the Board for an ARNP to complete in order to prescribe these parameters or content of written collaborative practice agreements; therefore, the Board has neither developed nor distributed a format for collaborative practice agreements. The Kentucky Coalition of Nurse

Practitioners/Nurse Midwives has developed a “model” collaborative practice agreement that may be modified to accommodate an ARNP’s specialty area of practice and setting. To obtain a copy of this document, individuals may contact the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners/Nurse Midwives at www.kcnpnm.org

It appears that questions concerning an ARNP’s scope of practice stem, most often, from the requirement defining an ARNP’s scope of prescribing authority in the CPA. An ARNP’s scope of practice is determined by the following factors:

1. the ARNP’s post basic nursing education;
2. type of advanced nursing practice certification;
3. the scope and standards of practice of the ARNP’s national nursing certification organization that credentials the ARNP.

Further, 201 KAR 20:057 incorporates by reference the various scopes and standards for advanced nursing practice published by the various national nursing organizations thereby giving the incorporated scopes and standards of advanced nursing practice the force and effect of law. All of these elements in combination provide the framework for the individual ARNP’s “scope of practice”.

In addition, KRS 314.021(2) imposes individual responsibility upon a nurse to undertake the performance of acts for which the nurse is educationally prepared and clinically competent to perform in a safe, effective manner. This section holds nurses individually responsible and accountable for rendering safe, effective nursing care to clients and for judgments exercised and actions taken in the course of providing care. For example, if an ARNP doubts his/her ability to appropriately and safely prescribe a particular nonscheduled legend medication for a patient, then the ARNP should not prescribe the medication. The ARNP should consult with a collaborating physician concerning the appropriate medication or refer the patient to the appropriate health care provider for further evaluation and treatment. In addition, the ARNP has a legal responsibility to acquire the necessary education and supervised clinical practice that would validate his/her competence in prescribing nonscheduled legend medications in the future. ARNPs should only prescribe nonscheduled legend medications that are within their “scope of practice” and for which they have the knowledge and competence to prescribe.

Another issue of concern has been the necessary information to be identified on the prescription and the identifying number to be used by pharmacists to receive reimbursement for the prescription from third party payers. It is recommended that the prescription include the name, ARNP registration number, certification area, and business address and phone number. As ARNPs do not have the authority to prescribe controlled substances, a DEA number is neither needed nor required by the ARNP. There is, also, no requirement for the collaborating physician’s name to appear on the prescription. It has been suggested that, for the purpose of this particular situation, the ARNP’s registration number be modified by adding two (2) zeros in front of the registration number, i.e. 001234P. (The letters following the four- (4) digits are a reflection of the ARNP’s designation, “P” signifies nurse practitioner, “M” signifies nurse midwife, “A” signifies nurse anesthetist, and “S” signifies clinical nurse specialist.) An ARNP who experiences difficulty having prescriptions filled for this reason may suggest adding two (2) zeros in front of their ARNP registration number.

All ARNPs are required to earn five (5) contact hours of approved nursing continuing education in pharmacology for renewal of licensure. This requirement applies regardless of whether or not the ARNP’s practice includes prescribing nonscheduled legend medications.

Questions regarding ARNPs and CPAs may be directed to Bernadette Sutherland, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant, at the Board office 502-329-7007. For legal questions regarding ARNPs and prescription authority, Nathan Goldman, General Counsel may be reached at 502-329-7009.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET
Kentucky Board of Nursing

201 KAR 20:056. Advanced registered nurse practitioner registration, program requirements, recognition of a national certifying organization.

RELATES TO: KRS 314.011(8), 314.042, 314.091, 314.161

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 314.042(7), 314.131(1)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 314.131(1) authorizes the Board of Nursing to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of KRS Chapter 314. KRS 314.042 requires the registration of an advanced registered nurse practitioner. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for registration, renewal, and reinstatement; programs; and recognition of a national certifying organization.

Section 1. An applicant for registration as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in Kentucky shall:

(1) Complete an "Application for Registration as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner" as required by 201 KAR 20:370, Section 1(1); and

(2) Comply with the requirements established in KRS 314.042 and Sections 2 and 4 through 10 of this administrative regulation.

Section 2. Postbasic Program of Study and Clinical Experience. An organized postbasic program of study and clinical experience shall conform to the following criteria in order to be acceptable to the board. The program shall:

(1) Be an established, ongoing, and organized program offered on a routine basis to an enrollee;

(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, be accredited or approved for the education of nurses by a recognized accreditation or approval body; or

(b) The sponsoring organization shall hold the accreditation or approval for the education of nurses by a recognized accreditation or approval body;

(3) Have a program design which prepares an enrollee to function in a role consistent with the advanced registered nursing practice designation;

(4)(a) Have a program design which includes purpose, philosophy, objectives, curriculum content, and plan to evaluate achievement of objectives and measurement of learning outcomes of students; and

(b) The curriculum shall contain coursework (didactic and clinical) that prepares the student to perform the additional acts delineated by the board pursuant to KRS 314.011(8);

(5) Have a designated faculty responsible for planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of curriculum and students;

(6) Include didactic components;

(7) Include a supervised clinical experience;

(8) Upon successful completion, award a diploma or certificate;

(9)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, extend over an enrollment period of not less than nine (9) months; or

(b) An organized postbasic program of study and clinical experience with an enrollment period of less than nine (9) months shall be evaluated by the board on an individual basis to determine if the program is acceptable to the board by sufficiently preparing a student for advanced registered nursing practice; and

(10) If the applicant for registration as an advanced registered nurse practitioner completes a postbasic program of study after January 1, 2005, then the applicant shall hold a master's degree or postmaster's certificate related to the advanced registered nurse practitioner designation.

Section 3. National Certifying Organizations. (1) A nationally established organization or agency which certifies registered nurses for advanced nursing practice shall be recognized by the board if it meets the following criteria:

- (a) The certifying body is an established national nursing organization or a subdivision of this type of organization;
 - (b) Eligibility requirements for certification are delineated;
 - (c) Certification is offered in specialty areas of clinical practice;
 - (d) Scope and standards of practice statements are promulgated;
 - (e) Mechanism for determining continuing competency is established; and
 - (f) The certifying body is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties or the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.
- (2) The board shall maintain a list of recognized national certifying organizations, "Approved ARNP Certification Organizations".

Section 4. Practice Pending Registration. (1) An applicant who meets all the requirements for practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner except for certification by a national certifying organization shall be authorized to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The applicant shall apply for certification from a recognized national certifying organization for the first time.
 - (b) The applicant shall obtain an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the same specialty, or a licensed physician, to supervise the applicant. For the purposes of this paragraph:
 - 1. Supervision shall include, at a minimum, periodic observation and evaluation of the applicant's practice to validate that the practice has been performed according to established standards; and
 - 2. The supervisor shall be immediately available either on site or by telephone.
 - (c) The applicant shall verify to the board that he has applied for certification and has obtained a supervisor.
 - (d) Practice pursuant to this subsection shall extend until the applicant has learned the results of the request for certification.
 - (e) An applicant who has previously applied for and been denied certification by a recognized national certifying organization shall be ineligible to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner until he has been certified.
- (2) A registered nurse who meets all the requirements for practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner and who holds a registered nurse temporary work permit issued pursuant to 201 KAR 20:110 pending licensure by endorsement shall be authorized to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner for a period of time not to exceed the expiration date of the temporary work permit.
- (3) Authorization to practice pursuant to subsections (1) or (2) of this section shall be in the form of a letter from the board acknowledging that the applicant has met all the requirements of this section. An applicant shall not practice until the authorization letter has been issued.
- (4) An individual authorized to practice pursuant to subsection (1) of this section may use the title "ARNP Applicant" or "ARNP App.".

Section 5. Registration Renewal. (1) The advanced registered nurse practitioner registration shall expire or lapse when the registered nurse license expires or lapses.

- (2) To be eligible for renewal of registration as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, the applicant shall:
- (a) Renew the registered nurse license on an active status;
 - (b) Submit a completed "ARNP Registration Renewal Application" form as required by 201 KAR 20:370, Section 1(1);
 - (c) Submit the current renewal application fee, as established in 201 KAR 20:240, Section 1(2)(k); and
 - (d) Maintain current certification by a recognized national certifying organization.
- (3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who fails to renew the registered nurse license or is issued a license on an inactive status shall not practice as or use the title of advanced registered nurse practitioner until:
- (a) A current active license has been issued by the board; and
 - (b) The advanced registered nurse practitioner registration has been reinstated.

Section 6. Registration Reinstatement. (1) If a nurse fails to renew the advanced registered nurse practitioner registration as prescribed by applicable law and administrative regulation, the registration shall lapse on the last day of the licensure period.

(2) To be eligible for reinstatement of advanced registered nurse practitioner registration, the applicant shall:

(a) Submit a completed "Application for Registration as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner" form as required by 201 KAR 20:370, Section 1(1);

(b) Submit the current reinstatement application fee, as established in 201 KAR 20:240, Section 1(2)(l); and

(c) Maintain current certification by a recognized national certifying organization.

Section 7. Certification or Recertification. (1) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who has met the requirements and has applied for current, active recertification by one (1) of the national organizations recognized in Section 3 of this administrative regulation may practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner until the results of the recertification have been received.

(2) A nurse who fails to attain current, active certification or recertification from one (1) of the national organizations recognized in Section 3 of this administrative regulation shall not:

(a) Be registered as an advanced registered nurse practitioner; and

(b) Practice or use the title of advanced registered nurse practitioner until the requirements of Sections 1 through 8 of this administrative regulation have been met.

(3) An advanced registered nurse practitioner who is decertified by the appropriate national organization shall:

(a) Notify the board of that fact; and

(b) Not practice as or use the title of advanced registered nurse practitioner during the period of decertification.

Section 8. (1) An application shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from date of submission to board.

(2) After one (1) year from the date of application, the applicant shall be required to reapply.

Section 9. The requirements of Sections 1 through 11 of this administrative regulation shall not prohibit the supervised practice of a nurse enrolled in:

(1) A postbasic educational program for preparation for advanced registered nursing practice; or

(2) An advanced registered nurse practitioner refresher course.

Section 10. A registered nurse who holds himself out as a clinical specialist or is known as a clinical specialist, shall be required to register as an advanced registered nurse practitioner if his practice includes the performance of advanced registered nursing procedures.

Section 11. A nurse practicing as an advanced registered nurse practitioner who is not registered as an advanced registered nurse practitioner by the board, an advanced registered nurse practitioner whose practice is inconsistent with the specialty to which he has been designated, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner who does not recertify and continues to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures set in KRS 314.091.

Section 12. Incorporation by Reference. (1)

"Approved ARNP Certification Organizations", May 1994, Kentucky Board of Nursing, is incorporated by reference.

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**INFORMATION ON
APPROVED ARNP CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS
[PURSUANT TO 201 KAR 20:056, Section 3(2)]**

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**GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET
Kentucky Board of Nursing**

201 KAR 20:057. Scope and standards of practice of advanced registered nurse practitioners.

RELATES TO: KRS 314.011(7), 314.042, 314.193(2)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 314.131(1), 314.193(2)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 314.131(1) authorizes the Board of Nursing to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of KRS Chapter 314. KRS 314.193(2) authorizes the board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing standards for the performance of advanced registered nursing practice to safeguard the public health and welfare. This administrative regulation establishes the scope and standards of practice for an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Collaboration" means the relationship between the advanced registered nurse practitioner and a physician in the provision of prescription medication and includes both autonomous and cooperative decision-making, with the advanced registered nurse practitioner and the physician contributing their respective expertise.

(2) "Collaborative practice agreement" means a written document which defines the scope of prescriptive authority for the advanced registered nurse practitioner and is jointly approved by the advanced registered nurse practitioner and at least one (1) physician.

Section 2. The practice of the advanced registered nurse practitioner shall be in accordance with the standards and functions defined in the following scope and standards of practice statements for each specialty area:

(1) American Nurses' Association, The Scope of Practice of the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner, 1985, Standards of Practice for the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner, 1987;

(2) American Nurses' Association, Scope and Standards of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice, 2000;

(3) American Nurses' Association, Statement on the Scope of Medical-Surgical Nursing Practice, 1980;

(4) American Nurses' Association, Scope and Standards of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing, 1996;

(5) American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Scope and Standards for Nurse Anesthesia Practice, 1996, and Standards for Office-based Anesthesia Practice, 2001;

(6) American College of Nurse-Midwives, Standards for the Practice of Nurse-Midwifery, 1996;

(7) Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses and National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner: Guidelines for Practice and Education, 2002;

(8) National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Scope of Practice for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners in Primary Care, 2000, Standards of Practice for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, 2001;

(9) American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Standards of Practice, 2002 and Scope of Practice for Nurse Practitioners, 2002;

(10) American Nurses' Association/American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Standards of Clinical Practice and Scope of Practice for the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, 1995;

(11) National Association of Neonatal Nurses, Neonatal Nurse Practitioners: Standards of Education and Practice, 1992;

(12) American Association of Critical-care Nurses, Scope of Practice and Standards of Professional Performance for the Acute and Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, 2002; and

(13) Oncology Nursing Society, Statement on the Scope and Standards of Advanced Practice in Oncology Nursing, 1997.

Section 3. In the performance of advanced registered nursing practice, the advanced registered nurse practitioner shall practice in accordance with the collaborative practice agreement, if applicable, and shall seek consultation or referral in those situations outside the advanced registered nurse practitioner's scope of practice.

Section 4. Advanced registered nursing practice shall include prescribing treatments, drugs, and devices and ordering diagnostic tests which are consistent with the scope and standard of practice of the advanced registered nurse practitioner.

Section 5. Advanced registered nursing practice shall not preclude the practice by the advanced registered nurse practitioner of registered nursing practice as defined in KRS 314.011(5).

Section 6. The collaborative practice agreement shall include the name, address, phone number, and license or registration number of both the advanced registered nurse practitioner and each physician who is a party to the agreement. It shall also include the specialty area of practice of the advanced registered nurse practitioner. An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall, upon request, furnish to the board or its staff, a copy of the collaborative practice agreement.

Section 7. Prescribing without a written collaborative practice agreement shall constitute a violation of KRS 314.091(1).

Section 8. The board may make an unannounced monitoring visit to an advanced registered nurse practitioner to determine if the advanced registered nurse practitioner's practice is consistent with the requirements established by 201 KAR Chapter 20.

Section 9. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "The Scope of Practice of the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner", 1985 Edition, American Nurses' Association;

(b) "Standards of Practice for the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner", 1987 Edition, American Nurses' Association;

(c) "Scope and Standards of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Practice", 2000 Edition, American Nurses' Association;

(d) "Statement on the Scope of Medical-surgical Nursing Practice", 1980 Edition, American Nurses' Association;

(e) "Scope and Standards of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing", 1996 Edition, American Nurses' Association;

(f) "Standards for Office-based Anesthesia Practice", 2001 Edition, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists;

(g) "Scope and Standards for Nurse Anesthesia Practice", 1996 Edition, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists;

- (h) "Standards for the Practice of Nurse-midwifery", 1996 Edition, American College of Nurse-midwives;
 - (i) "The Women's Health Nurse Practitioner: Guidelines for Practice and Education", 2002 Edition, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses and National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health;
 - (i) "Scope of Practice for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners in Primary Care", 2000 Edition, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners;
 - (k) "Standards of Practice for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners", 2001 Edition, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners;
 - (l) "Standards of Practice", 2002 Edition, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners;
 - (m) "Scope of Practice for Nurse Practitioners", 2002 Edition, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners;
 - (n) "Standards of Clinical Practice and Scope of Practice for the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner", 1995 Edition. American Nurses' Association/American Association of Critical Care Nurses;
 - (o) "Neonatal Nurse Practitioners: Standards of Education and Practice", 1992 Edition, National Association of Neonatal Nurses;
 - (p) "Scope of Practice and Standards of Professional Performance for the Acute and Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist", 2002 Edition, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses; and
 - (q) "Statement on the Scope and Standards of Advanced Practice in Oncology Nursing", 1997 Edition, Oncology Nursing Society.
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ARNP PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Pursuant to 201 KAR 20:057)

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KRS 314.011(8) defines "Advanced registered nursing practice" as:

... The performance of additional acts by registered nurses who have gained added knowledge and skills through an organized postbasic program of study and clinical experience and who are certified by the American Nurses' Association or other nationally established organizations or agencies recognized by the board to certify registered nurses for advanced nursing practice. The additional acts shall, subject to approval of the board, include, but not be limited to, prescribing treatment, drugs, devices, and ordering diagnostic tests. Advanced registered nurse practitioners who engage in these additional acts shall be authorized to issue prescriptions for and dispense nonscheduled legend drugs as defined in KRS 217.905, under the conditions set forth in KRS 314.042. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as requiring an advanced registered nurse practitioner designated by the board as a nurse anesthetist to obtain prescriptive authority pursuant to this chapter or any other provision of law in order to deliver anesthesia care. The performance of these additional acts shall be consistent with the certifying organization or agencies' scopes and standards of practice recognized by the board by administrative regulation.

From *Kentucky Nursing Laws*

314.042 Registration and designation as an advanced registered nurse practitioner; use of “ARNP”, renewal; reinstatement; collaborative practice agreements

- (1) An applicant for registration and designation to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner shall file with the board a written application for registration and designation and submit evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant has completed an organized postbasic program of study and clinical experience acceptable to the board; has fulfilled the requirements of KRS 214.615(1); is certified by a nationally-established organization or agency recognized by the board to certify registered nurses for advanced nursing practice; and is able to understandably speak and write the English language and to read English language with comprehension.
- (2) The board may issue a registration to practice advanced registered nursing to an applicant who holds a current active registered nurse license issued by the board and meets the qualifications of subsection (1) of this section. An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall be designated by the board as a nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist.
- (3) The applicant for registration and designation or renewal thereof to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner shall pay a fee to the board as set forth in regulation by the board.
- (4) An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall maintain a current active registered nurse license issued by the board and maintain current certification by the appropriate national organization or agency recognized by the board.
- (5) Any person who holds a registration and designation to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in this state shall have the right to use the title “advanced registered nurse practitioner” and the abbreviation “ARNP.” No other person shall assume the title or use the abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is an advanced registered nurse practitioner. No person shall practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner unless registered under this section.
- (6) Any person heretofore registered as an advanced registered nurse practitioner under the provisions of this chapter who has allowed the registration to lapse may be reinstated on payment of current fee and by meeting the provisions of this chapter and regulations promulgated by the board pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A.
- (7) The board may authorize a person to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner temporarily and pursuant to applicable regulations promulgated by the board pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A if the person is awaiting the results of the national certifying examination for the first time or is awaiting licensure by endorsement. A person awaiting the results of the national certifying examination shall use the title “ARNP Applicant” or “ARNP App.”
- (8) Before an advanced registered nurse practitioner engages in the prescribing or dispensing of nonscheduled legend drugs as authorized by KRS 314.011(8), the advanced registered nurse practitioner shall enter into a written collaborative practice agreement with a physician that defines the scope of the prescriptive authority.

- (9) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as requiring an advanced registered nurse practitioner designated by the board as a nurse anesthetist to enter into a collaborative practice agreement with a physician, pursuant to this chapter or any other provision of law, in order to deliver anesthesia care.

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314.195 Prescriptive authority of advanced registered nurse practitioner.

An advanced registered nurse practitioner shall be considered a practitioner for purposes of KRS Chapter 217 and shall have the authority granted to a practitioner pursuant to those chapters subject to the conditions set forth in KRS 314.042

ARNP AND MEDICATION SAMPLES

The 2000 Regular Session of the General Assembly amended KRS Chapter 314 to allow Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners to receive and dispense sample drugs. The applicable statutes are as follows:

KRS 314.011(8) that states, in part: “ ‘Advanced registered nursing practice’ means the performance of additional acts . . . Advanced registered nurse practitioners who engage in these additional acts shall be authorized to issue prescriptions for and **dispense** nonscheduled legend drugs as defined in KRS 217.905, under the conditions set forth in KRS 314.042.”

KRS 314.011(17) that states: “ ‘Dispense’ means to receive and distribute noncontrolled legend drug samples from pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients at no charge to the patient or any other party.”

KRS 314.042(8) that states: “Before an advanced registered nurse practitioner engages in the prescribing or **dispensing** of nonscheduled legend drugs as authorized by KRS 314.011(8), the advanced registered nurse practitioner shall enter into a written collaborative practice agreement with a physician that defines the scope of the prescriptive authority.” (Please note: Effective August 13, 2003, the ARNP who has a collaborative practice agreement is no longer required to file a copy of it with the Board, but shall upon request, furnish to the Board or its staff, a copy of the agreement . The agreement must contain specific information as delineated in Section 6 of 201 KAR 20:057, Scope and Standards of practice of ARNPS.)

The 2002 Regular Session of the General Assembly amended KRS 314.011(17) to allow ARNP’s to dispense noncontrolled legend drugs from a health department under certain conditions.

Current copies of KRS Chapter 314 (the Kentucky Nursing Law) can be purchased from the Board of Nursing. The current version of the Kentucky statutes, including KRS Chapter 314, may be accessed from the World Wide Web at www.lrc.state.ky.us.

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